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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: SHIOTA, Kazuo and KANEKO, Kiyotaka

An assignment of the invention

For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM FOR IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

Enclosed are:

LIICI	osed are.					
	A specification consisting of Twenty-two (22) pages					
\boxtimes	Six (6) sheet(s) formal drawings					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27					
	Applicant does not claim priority					
	Applicant claims the right of priority under the provision of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based of Application No. 2002-379060 filed in JAPAN on December 27 2002. Certified copy is attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.					
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy)					

	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
\boxtimes	Preliminary Amendment
\boxtimes	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
	Other:
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